

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OPERATIONS MISSION
(U.S. EMBASSY AND ECONOMIC MISSION)
TO CAMBODIA, LAOS AND VIETNAM

AMERICAN EMBASSY
SAIGON, VIETNAM

JULY 17, 1954

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Societe Cotonniere du Tonkin
30, Blvd. Charner
Saigon.

Attention: Mr. Boueau

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our correspondence of this date regarding the U.S.-financed cotton presently located at Haiphong. This is to confirm the fact that the Mission desires to have this cotton removed as soon as possible. If shipping space can be obtained, the cotton should be shipped to the U. S. Operations Mission, Foreign Operations Administration, ~~Kagoshima~~ Formosa. If no shipping space for Formosa can be obtained, Haiphong, the cotton should be transshipped to Saigon.

The Mission has received authorization from the U. S. Operations Administration in Washington to reimburse you for the counterpart deposits and customs duties paid by you for the stocks located at Haiphong and to reimburse you for all charges incidental to the unloading of this cotton from Haiphong. Reimbursement will be made at Saigon in piastres upon the presentation of an original bill of lading covering the cotton transported at Haiphong.

Should you have any further question regarding the proposals contained in this letter, please feel free to contact either Mr. Stelly or Mr. Mann in this office.

Your earliest convenience is requested.

Very truly yours,

Paul E. Everett
Paul E. Everett
Acting Director of Mission

State Department review completed

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OPERATIONS MISSION
(Special Technical and Economic Mission)
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AMERICAN EMBASSY
SAIGON, VIETNAM

July 15, 1954

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Societe Cotonniere du Tonkin
30, Blvd. Charner
Saigon

Attention: Mr. Boesen

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to our memorandum of July 1, 1954, and your letter No. 313/17 and conversations between your Mr. Boesen and officers of this Mission.

It appears from your letter No. 313/17 and the conversations with your Mr. Boesen that serious misunderstandings exist as to title and disposition of cotton furnished to your company through the Vietnamese Government with U. S. dollars made available by the Foreign Operations Administration of the United States Government.

To clarify these misunderstandings, the Mission desires to point out the following:

- (1) U. S. dollars furnished to importers through the channels of the Vietnamese Government for the importation of commodities are covered by the bilateral agreements between the United States of America and the Government of Vietnam.
- (2) These agreements and pertinent U. S. legislation clearly specify that commodities financed by the Foreign Operations Administration are imported into the State of Vietnam for definite purposes, in your case for manufacturing raw cotton into cloth at your installation at Nam Dinh.
- (3) With respect to cotton, it is unmistakably clear that after the abandonment of Nam Dinh by the French Union forces, the purpose for which funds were made available originally no longer exists, and stocks of FOA-financed cotton presently located at Haiphong should be returned for disposition in other areas where FOA operates. Payments made in local currency for these stocks will be reimbursed to you. The Mission desires that the

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cotton stockpiled at Haiphong be shipped to Saigon immediately. Freight charges incidental to this move will be reimbursed.

(4) In regard to the 3250 bales of cotton purchased under IC 13 of which 1850 bales are afloat aboard the U. S. Fernplant, Fernbay, and Velma Lykes, the same regulations apply. As per your request of 18 June 1954, 1400 bales have been cancelled before departure from the U. S., and the 1850 bales afloat are being diverted from Vietnam to other countries for which PVA finances cotton purchases. Bills of lading for these 1850 bales of cotton now in your possession, or in the hands of your bank, should be turned over immediately, endorsed to the Mission in order that they can be forwarded to the place of discharge and utilisation of subject 1850 bales. Advance counterpart deposits made by your company will be reimbursed after all charges and losses incidental to the cancellation and disposal are known and accounted for.

(5) In view of the above, the Mission cannot accept the conditions Nos. 1 and 2 proposed by you in your letter of July 12 since they are contrary to existing agreements between the United States of America and the State of Vietnam.

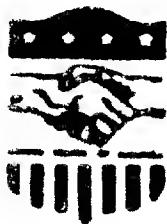
(6) The Mission feels that under present conditions, the cotton stored at Haiphong does not serve any purpose whatsoever and occupies badly needed storage area in this exceptionally busy port, hence it should be moved from Haiphong to Saigon pending disposition instructions from our Washington office.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter indicating your understanding of the foregoing.

Sincerely yours,

Paul E. Everett, Jr.

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Acting Director of Mission



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SAIGON, VIETNAM

Le 12 Juillet 1974

Société Cotonnière des États-Unis
30, Blvd. Cherner
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Messieurs,

Suite à l'entretien d'aujourd'hui entre les membres de cette Mission et Mr. Boesch de votre Société, j'ai l'honneur de vous faire connaître officiellement que nous sommes inquiets quant à la sécurité des stocks de coton achetés avec des fonds de l'Aide Économique Américaine. Ces stocks de coton, importés par votre Société, sont entreposés provisoirement à Haiphong.

Etant donné l'insécurité au Nord Vietnam, permettez-moi de vous demander de bien vouloir-moi renseigner sur la quantité des stocks de coton qui sont peuvent actuellement au Nord Vietnam aussi bien que sur les lieux d'entrepôt pour que l'on puisse prendre des mesures en cas d'évacuer immédiatement ces commodités finançées par la F.S.A. qui se trouvent au Nord Vietnam et qui pourraient être saisies par les forces armées communistes.

Veuillez agréer, Messieurs, l'expression de nos sentiments les meilleurs.

Paul E. Everett
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Directeur de Mission p.t.